

House Resolution No. 648

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Carl Michael Edwards, II, of Columbia, Missouri, who has placed first in the NASCAR Busch Series Championships in 2007, the nineteenth different Busch Series Champion in the twenty-six years of the modern-era series; and

Whereas, Carl Edwards has distinguished himself as a race car driver who has competed in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, Busch Cup Series, and Craftsman Truck Series and in various sprint and modified car races at local and regional tracks; and

Whereas, Carl Edwards was born on August 15, 1979, in Columbia, and graduated from Rock Bridge High School, and he began automobile racing in 1992 with four-cylinder mini-sprints at the age of thirteen, and the very next year he won four feature races at tracks in Missouri and Illinois; and

Whereas, after racing on dirt tracks for several years, Carl Edwards moved into NASCAR in 2002 when he entered seven NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series events for MB Motorsports; and

Whereas, Carl Edwards was named the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Rookie of the Year in 2003 and the NASCAR Busch Series Runner-up and Rookie of the Year in 2005; and

Whereas, racing full-time in the Nextel Cup Series beginning in 2005, Carl Edwards completed a breakthrough season by finishing third overall and winning the Rookie of the Year Award in the Nextel Cup Series; and

Whereas, Carl Edwards, the son of Carl Edwards Sr. and Nancy and Jim Sterling, all of Columbia, continues to reside in Columbia, and he has endeared himself to his hometown fans through his many acts of charity and by remaining modest despite his international celebrity:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, applaud success and career of Carl Edwards and to convey to him our most sincere congratulations on the occasion of winning the 2007 NASCAR Busch Cup Series; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Carl Michael Edwards, II, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Judy Baker
District No. 25

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 648, adopted February 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker